THE MINISTER OF STATE^IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The latest year 'for which the figures of/Per Capita Income (Per Capita Ne, t State Domestic Product) for Bihar are available, m 1985-86 • (Quick Estimates.) as supplied by - the State Government and. jeleased by the -Cental Statistical Organisation'. Accordingly,, the Per CapitaIncome (Per Capita Net State, Domestic Product) for Bihar in 1985-86 was Rs. 1548 at current prices and Rs. 486 at Constant (1970-71) prices..

Based on the quinquennial., Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys conduc- ^ ted by the National Sample Survey or ganisation (N. SlS. 0.,), the: Planning) Commission works out the estimates of ' the number of persons living below the poverty line and their percentage in the population for the\ year$_s$ relating to the Surveys. The latest Survey conducted by N. S. S. O. iri this regard was; n their 38th Round (1983) based on which Statewise estimates of numbgr of persons living below the poverty line have been worked out by the Planning Commission for 1983-84. In respect Of Bihar, it was ac" ' cordingly estimated that the number of persons living below the poverty line, jn 1983-84 was 365. 5 lakhs (329. 4 lakhs; n rural areas and 36. 1 lakhs in urban areas). ...

(b) The comparative figures relating to Per Capita Income (Per Capita Net Domestic product) and the number of persons living below the poverty line in various States are given in the 3 Statements (attached), as per particulars given below. *[See* i Appendix CXLII, . Annexure No. '35].

Statement 1 and 2 give the Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at current prices and a constant (1970-71) prices - for various States for the period 1979-80 to 1985-86 (Quick Estimates) based on the figures 'furnished by the State Governments and released by the. central Statistical Organisation.

/. Statement 3 gives the number and per- centage of population living below the poverty line by States, separately for rural and urban areas, for 1983-84, based oh the latest Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by N. S. S. Q. in 1983 (38th Round).

Profits of Regional Rural Banks

698. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than Swo- thirds of the Regional iRurlal. Banks in the country are making losses and if so, the statewise amount of profit and loss of Regional Rural Banks at the "end of 1986;

(b) what are the major recommendations of the Governrrient committee on Regional Rural Banks and whether Government have accepted these recommendations; and

(c) what isteps Government propose to take in this regard to make these bank$_s$ viable and whether any representations received from their employees' associations would 'also be. considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE '(SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According t$_0$ the latest data available, out of 188 regional rural banks (RRBs) 152 were in loss as at the end of December, ' 1985.. The State-wise position is indica ted in the Statement at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CXET, Annexure No. 36.]

(b) and (c) The Working Group on Regional Rural Banks had ' *inter-alia* gone into the question of losses incurred by RRBs and made a number of recom- - mendations for improving their viability, In pursuance of the recommendations made by the" Working Group, the follow ing 'decisions have been taken for im proving the performance and viability of RRBs: —

(i) additional share caiptav may. be sanctioned to RRBs with satis'factory track record;

(ii) interest rate pf refinance pro-vided by sponsoring banks has been lowered;

(iii) funds for SLR requirements be invested in securities $_0$f better yield;

(iv)the scope of lending should be enlarged; and

(v) the sponsoring banks should play a more active role jn fund management, staff training and. internal audit. "

Representations received fro$_m$ time to time employees' association are considered by the Government for taking such action as,,may be deemed appropriate.

Doordarsuan Film Touch of Glory'

699. SHRI RAOOF VAL1ULLAH: Will the Minister, of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be'please'd to 'state- .

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan propose to telecast a film on the Indian Air Force called 'Touch of Glory' on the national network;

(b) what is the theme and the language of the film, its duration and the time-slot allotted to it

(c) whether Doordarshan also propose to pro'duee and telecast films on the Indian Army and the Navy arid on other topical interests also; and

(d) whether efforts _have been made. to telecast such films as sponsored program mes arid if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) anj *(h)* No such'film has been of fered to Doordarshan for telecasts. The particulars of the film are, therefore, not known.

(c) and. (d) Dooitiarshan is already telecasting programmes on Indian Army and Navy regularly. However, no films on these sub. iects have been offered to Doordarshan by outsideproducers as sponsored programmes. "

Risk Capital Foundation

7W). 'sHRIMATi"PRATIBHA SINGH: Will. the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Risk Capital Foundation', a financial. institution sponsore'd by a Central Financial Insti - - tution sponsored by a Central Financial In-stitution is providing 'Seed Capital' lonas assistance only to. Multi-National, MRTP/ Big Business Housesand Influericial medium Industrial Houses and negative Loan • assistance to the small-scale sector wliere-. as the present Government policy is to encourage the small-scale sector under the new 20 point Programme; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose' to take to- ensure that the- small-scale sector could get the full benefit from the Risk Capital Foundation' as per the Government's policies re> . garding the small-scale sector development?

THE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOIARUP: (a) arid (b) The Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) haye reported that the Risk Capi tal Foundation, sponsored by them, provi des financial assistance on soft terms to first generation entrepreneurs for meeting a part of their contribution for setting up of medium and large sized industrial pro jects with project cost normally ranging between Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 15'crores. Risk Capital Foundation has not provided arty risk/seed loan/assistance to the pro-., moters of multi-national/MRTP/big busi ness houses. As regards ^assistance to the small-scale sector, the ID'Bf operates a scheme of Seed Capital Assistance for this sector.

Financial assistance by NABARD

701. SHRIMATI PRATiBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to statp:

(a) the details of financial- assistance, the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development are providing' to me entrepreneurs to- generate employment, in the field of industry, business, trading, ' $_t$ agricultural inputs. manufacturirig/market- ing in mral/semi-ur. ban areas and whether